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Examiner

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-126 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-126 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-54, 59, 60, 105, drawn to an article, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.
- II. Claims 55-57, drawn to a sensor, classified in class 204, subclass 415; class 422 subclass 98; class 435 subclass 25.
- III. Claims 58, drawn to a composition, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.
- IV. Claims 61-74, drawn to a method for altering conductivity, classified in class 257, subclass 139.
- V. Claims 75-99, 102, and 103, drawn to a method for detecting an analyte, classified in class 257, subclass 139 .
- VI. Claims 100-101, drawn to a method for amplifying or reducing conductivity, classified in class 257, subclass 139.
- VII. Claims 104, drawn to a method for synthesizing a conducting polymer, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.
- VIII. Claims 1-3, 106-109, drawn to an article, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.

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- IX. Claims 1-3, 110-111, drawn to an article, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.
- X. Claims 1-3, 112-117, drawn to an article, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.
- XI. Claims 1-3, 118, drawn to an article, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.
- XII. Claims 1-3, 119-121, drawn to an article, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.
- XIII. Claims 1-3, 122-126, drawn to an article, classified in class 252 subclass 500; class 525 subclass 50; class 257, subclass 40.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I-XIII are related as products and processes of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the invention of group I can be used for the method of group IV, V or VI or for the sensor of group of II. Additionally, the inventions of groups VIII-XIII are directed to different article comprising different conducting polymers which are patentably distinct.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

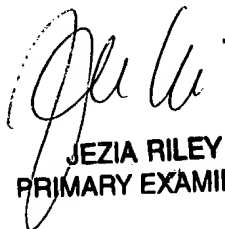
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jezia Riley whose telephone number is 571-272-0786.

The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on 571-272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Monday, April 12, 2004


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PRIMARY EXAMINER